

House Bill 906 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Neal of the 1st, Coleman of the 97th, Lindsey of the 54th, and Collins of the 95th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

To amend Code Section 20-2-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual contracts for certificated personnel in elementary and secondary education, so as to temporarily extend certain deadlines; to provide for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 20-2-211 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to annual contracts for certificated personnel in elementary and secondary education, is amended by revising subsection (b) as follows:

"(b) Any other provisions of this article or any other laws to the contrary notwithstanding, each local governing board shall, by not later than April 15 of the current school year, tender a new contract for the ensuing school year to each teacher and other professional employee certificated by the Professional Standards Commission on the payroll of the local unit of administration at the beginning of the current school year, except those who have resigned or who have been terminated as provided in Part 7 of Article 17 of this chapter, or shall notify in writing each such teacher or other certificated professional employee of the intention of not renewing his or her contract for the ensuing school year; provided, however, that for school ~~year~~ years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 only, each local governing board shall have until May 15, ~~2009~~, of the current school year to tender such new contracts or provide such written notice. Such contracts when tendered to each teacher or other professional employee shall be complete in all terms and conditions of the contract, including the amount of compensation to be paid to such teacher or other professional employee during the ensuing school year, and shall not contain blanks or leave any terms and conditions of the contract open. A letter of intent or similar document shall not constitute a contract and shall not be construed to require or otherwise legally bind the teacher or other professional employee to return to such school system.

27 Upon request, a written explanation for failure to renew such contract shall be made
28 available to such certificated personnel by the executive officer. When such notice of
29 intended termination has not been given by April 15, or by May 15, ~~2009~~, for school ~~year~~
30 ~~years~~ ~~2009-2010~~ 2010-2011, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 only, the employment of such
31 teacher or other certificated professional employee shall be continued for the ensuing
32 school year unless the teacher or certificated professional employee elects not to accept
33 such employment by notifying the local governing board or executive officer in writing not
34 later than May 1, or by June 1, ~~2009~~, for school ~~year~~ years ~~2009-2010~~ 2010-2011,
35 2011-2012, and 2012-2013 only."

36 **SECTION 2.**

37 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
38 without such approval.

39 **SECTION 3.**

40 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.